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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 14, 2014

DATE: September 22, 2014
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Renee Romero, Crime Lab Director 775-328-2815,
rromero@washoecounty.us
THROUGH: Michael Haley, Sheriff *[Signature]* for Michael Haley, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FFY2014 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant Project No 2014-DN-BX-0029, for a total of [\$325,430.00] (No county match required) for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program; grant period is retroactive from 10/1/14 – 9/30/16; and if approved authorize Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The National Institute of Justice awarded the Washoe County Sheriff's Office \$325,430 to fund the DNA Backlog Reduction program. Grant was received in mid-September 2014, Staff report submitted to earliest possible BCC meeting.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division will utilize these funds to pay salary costs for part time/pooled positions, overtime costs, travel and training, equipment, and supplies for the DNA Backlog Reduction project.

AGENDA ITEM # 15

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: 2014 DNA Backlog Reduction

Scope of the Project: Costs associated with reducing the back log of DNA samples to be tested.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increased capability to test pending DNA samples.

On-Going Program Support: N/A

Award Amount: \$325,430.00

Grant Period: 10/1/14-9/30/16

Funding Source: National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Pass through From: N/A

CFDA Number: 16.741

Grant ID Number: 2014-DN-BX-0029

Match Amount and Type: None

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award): N/A

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- ☐ Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- ☐ Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- ☐ Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at ____ %
- ☐ Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency
- ☒ Implementation of the indirect cost requirement would impair public safety, as determined by the appropriate constitutional officer or the Board of County Commissioners

Special Terms & Conditions: See special conditions #1 - #38 included in award documents.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Contract will be awarded through competitive bidding process for analysis of arrestee database samples. Estimated amount of contract is \$260,400.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$325,430.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

INCREASE REVENUES:

11202 - 431100 (2014 DNA Backlog Reduction -Federal Grants)	\$325,430.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

11202– 701130 (2014 DNA Backlog reduction- Part time/pooled)	\$ 33,586.80
11202- 701300 (2014 DNA Backlog reduction-Overtime)	\$ 16,104.44
11202– 710200 (2014 DNA Backlog Reduction – contract svcs)	\$260,400.00
11202– 710300 (2014 DNA Backlog Reduction – supplies)	\$ 13,779.84
11202 - 710360 (2014 DNA Backlog Reduction – postage)	\$ 1,558.92

No match required. Grant is on a reimbursement basis.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FFY2014 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant Project No 2014-DN-BX-0029, for a total of [\$325,430.00] (No county match required) for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program; grant period is retroactive from 10/1/14 – 9/30/16; and if approved authorize Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: move to approve a direct grant award from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) FFY2014 DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant Project No 2014-DN-BX-0029, for a total of [\$325,430.00] (No county match required) for the DNA Backlog Reduction Program; grant period is retroactive from 10/1/14 – 9/30/16; and if approved authorize Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget adjustments.



Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 18, 2014

Sheriff Michael Haley
Washoe County Sheriff's Department
911 Parr Boulevard
Reno, NV 89512-1014

Dear Sheriff Haley:

On behalf of Attorney General Eric Holder, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs has approved your application for funding under the FY 14 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program in the amount of \$325,430 for Washoe County Sheriff's Department. This funding is for the project titled, "NIJ's FY 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program."

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Alan Spanbauer, Program Manager at (202) 305-2436; and
- Financial Questions, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or you may contact the CSC at ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karol V. Mason", is positioned above the typed name.

Karol Virginia Mason
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures



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Dear Sheriff Haley:

Congratulations on your recent award. In establishing financial assistance programs, Congress linked the receipt of federal funding to compliance with federal civil rights laws. The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for ensuring that recipients of financial assistance from the OJP, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) comply with the applicable federal civil rights laws. We at the OCR are available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that come with DOJ funding.

Ensuring Access to Federally Assisted Programs

Federal laws that apply to recipients of financial assistance from the DOJ prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in employment but also in the delivery of services or benefits. A federal law also prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits.

In March of 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. The statute amends the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) by including a nondiscrimination grant condition that prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The new nondiscrimination grant condition applies to certain programs funded after October 1, 2013. The OCR and the OVW have developed answers to some frequently asked questions about this provision to assist recipients of VAWA funds to understand their obligations. The Frequently Asked Questions are available at <http://ojp.gov/about/ocr/vawafaqs.htm>.

Enforcing Civil Rights Laws

All recipients of federal financial assistance, regardless of the particular funding source, the amount of the grant award, or the number of employees in the workforce, are subject to prohibitions against unlawful discrimination. Accordingly, the OCR investigates recipients that are the subject of discrimination complaints from both individuals and groups. In addition, based on regulatory criteria, the OCR selects a number of recipients each year for compliance reviews, audits that require recipients to submit data showing that they are providing services equitably to all segments of their service population and that their employment practices meet equal opportunity standards.

Providing Services to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals

In accordance with DOJ guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of federal financial assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). See U.S. Department of Justice, Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 67 Fed. Reg. 41,455 (2002). For more information on the civil rights responsibilities that recipients have in providing language services to LEP individuals, please see the website <http://www.lep.gov>.

Ensuring Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations

The DOJ regulation, Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, 28 C.F.R. pt. 38, requires State Administering Agencies (SAAs) to treat faith-based organizations the same as any other applicant or recipient. The regulation prohibits SAAs from making awards or grant administration decisions on the basis of an organization's religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors.

The regulation also prohibits faith-based organizations from using financial assistance from the DOJ to fund inherently (or explicitly) religious activities. While faith-based organizations can engage in non-funded inherently religious activities, they must hold them separately from the program funded by the DOJ, and recipients cannot compel beneficiaries to participate in them. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs funded by the DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion. For more information on the regulation, please see the OCR's website at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/equal_fbo.htm.

SAAs and faith-based organizations should also note that the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act (Safe Streets Act) of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c); the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 10604(e); the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 5672(b); and VAWA, Pub. L. No. 113-4, sec. 3(b)(4), 127 Stat. 54, 61-62 (to be codified at 42 U.S.C. § 13925(b)(13)) contain prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of religion in employment. Despite these nondiscrimination provisions, the DOJ has concluded that it may construe the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) on a case-by-case basis to permit some faith-based organizations to receive DOJ funds while taking into account religion when hiring staff, even if the statute that authorizes the funding program generally forbids recipients from considering religion in employment decisions. Please consult with the OCR if you have any questions about the regulation or the application of RFRA to the statutes that prohibit discrimination in employment.

Using Arrest and Conviction Records in Making Employment Decisions

The OCR issued an advisory document for recipients on the proper use of arrest and conviction records in making hiring decisions. See Advisory for Recipients of Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance: Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (June 2013), available at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/UseofConviction_Advisory.pdf. Recipients should be mindful that the misuse of arrest or conviction records to screen either applicants for employment or employees for retention or promotion may have a disparate impact based on race or national origin, resulting in unlawful employment discrimination. In light of the Advisory, recipients should consult local counsel in reviewing their employment practices. If warranted, recipients should also incorporate an analysis of the use of arrest and conviction records in their Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOPs) (see below).

Complying with the Safe Streets Act

An organization that is a recipient of financial assistance subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of the Safe Streets Act, must meet two obligations: (1) complying with the federal regulation pertaining to the development of an EEOP (see 28 C.F.R. pt. 42, subpt. E) and (2) submitting to the OCR findings of discrimination (see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.204(c), .205(c)(5)).

Meeting the EEOP Requirement

If your organization has less than fifty employees or receives an award of less than \$25,000 or is a nonprofit organization, a medical institution, an educational institution, or an Indian tribe, then it is exempt from the EEOP requirement. To claim the exemption, your organization must complete and submit Section A of the Certification Form, which is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If your organization is a government agency or private business and receives an award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000, and has fifty or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEOP Short Form), but it does not have to submit the report to the OCR for review. Instead, your organization has to maintain the Utilization Report on file and make it available for review on request. In addition, your organization has to complete Section B of the Certification Form and return it to the OCR. The Certification Form is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

If your organization is a government agency or private business and has received an award for \$500,000 or more and has fifty or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare a Utilization Report (formerly called an EEOP Short Form) and submit it to the OCR for review within sixty days from the date of this letter. For assistance in developing a Utilization Report, please consult the OCR's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>. In addition, your organization has to complete Section C of the Certification Form and return it to the OCR. The Certification Form is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

To comply with the EEOP requirements, you may request technical assistance from an EEOP specialist at the OCR by telephone at (202) 307-0690, by TTY at (202) 307-2027, or by e-mail at EEOsubmission@usdoj.gov.

Meeting the Requirement to Submit Findings of Discrimination

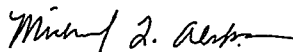
If in the three years prior to the date of the grant award, your organization has received an adverse finding of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, or sex, after a due-process hearing, from a state or federal court or from a state or federal administrative agency, your organization must send a copy of the finding to the OCR.

Ensuring the Compliance of Subrecipients

SAAAs must have standard assurances to notify subrecipients of their civil rights obligations, written procedures to address discrimination complaints filed against subrecipients, methods to monitor subrecipients' compliance with civil rights requirements, and a program to train subrecipients on applicable civil rights laws. In addition, SAAAs must submit to the OCR every three years written Methods of Administration (MOA) that summarize the policies and procedures that they have implemented to ensure the civil rights compliance of subrecipients. For more information on the MOA requirement, see http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm.


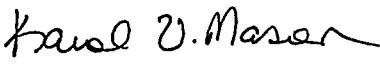
If the OCR can assist you in any way in fulfilling your organization's civil rights responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Alston
Director

cc: Grant Manager
Financial Analyst

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1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) Washoe County Sheriff's Department 911 Parr Boulevard Reno, NV 89512-1014		4. AWARD NUMBER: 2014-DN-BX-0029		
		5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2014 TO 09/30/2016 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2014 TO 09/30/2016		
		6. AWARD DATE 09/18/2014	7. ACTION	
1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 886000138		8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 00		Initial
		9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0		
3. PROJECT TITLE Washoe County Sheriff's Department DNA Backlog Reduction		10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 325,430		
		11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 325,430		
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).				
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under FY14(NIJ - S&LLEA DNA/Other Forensics) Pub. L. No. 113-76, 128 Stat. 5, 62-63; 28 USC 530C				
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT GPRS				
AGENCY APPROVAL		GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE		
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Karol Virginia Mason Assistant Attorney General		18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Michael Haley Sheriff		
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 		19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL		19A. DATE
AGENCY USE ONLY				
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES FISCAL FUND BUD. DIV. YEAR CODE ACT. OFC. REG. SUB. POMS AMOUNT X B DN 60 00 00 325430		21. NDNSGT0264		

OJP FORM 4000/2 (REV. 5-87) PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE.

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1. The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.
2. The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.
3. The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of OJP grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide.
4. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
5. The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by -

mail:

Office of the Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
Investigations Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 4706
Washington, DC 20530

e-mail: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov

hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499

or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig.

6. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
7. The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the grant performance period if the agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk grantee. Cf. 28 C.F.R. parts 66, 70.



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8. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OJP). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/sam.htm> (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).
9. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and sub recipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
10. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal funds for expenses related to conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events, including the provision of food and/or beverages at such events, and costs of attendance at such events. Information on pertinent laws, regulations, policies, and guidance is available in the OJP Financial Guide Conference Cost Chapter.
11. The recipient understands and agrees that any training or training materials developed or delivered with funding provided under this award must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees, available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/ojptrainingguidingprinciples.htm>.
12. The recipient agrees that if it currently has an open award of federal funds or if it receives an award of federal funds other than this OJP award, and those award funds have been, are being, or are to be used, in whole or in part, for one or more of the identical cost items for which funds are being provided under this OJP award, the recipient will promptly notify, in writing, the grant manager for this OJP award, and, if so requested by OJP, seek a budget-modification or change-of-project-scope grant adjustment notice (GAN) to eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.
13. The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.
14. The recipient understands and agrees that - (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.



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15. Privacy; quality assurance; CODIS/NDIS

The recipient shall ensure that each DNA analysis conducted and DNA profile generated under this award is maintained pursuant to all applicable Federal privacy requirements, including those described in 42 U.S.C. section 14132(b)(3).

The recipient shall ensure that all forensic DNA analyses conducted with funding under this award are performed either (1) by accredited government-owned laboratories, or (2) through accredited fee-for-service vendors. Accreditation must be by a nonprofit professional association of persons actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community.

The recipient shall ensure that any laboratory that conducts forensic DNA analyses under this award undergoes external audits, not less than once every two years, that demonstrate compliance with the Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The recipient shall ensure that all eligible forensic DNA profiles obtained with funding under this award will be entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and, where applicable, uploaded to the National DNA Index System (NDIS). No profiles generated with funding from this award may be entered into any non-governmental database without prior express written approval from NIJ.

If any government-owned forensic laboratory that will receive funding under this award to conduct forensic DNA analyses is not a member of NDIS, the laboratory must have a written agreement in place with an NDIS-participating laboratory for the resulting eligible forensic DNA profiles to be entered into CODIS, and, where applicable, uploaded into NDIS.

If the recipient operates a state-designated DNA database laboratory, the recipient shall ensure that analyses of DNA database samples and reviews of associated DNA profiles conducted with funding under this award are performed by a laboratory that (1) is accredited by a nonprofit professional association of persons actively involved in forensic science that is nationally recognized within the forensic science community; and (2) undergoes external audits, not less than once every two years, that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories established by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The recipient shall ensure that any DNA database samples analyzed with funding under this award are analyzed for all 13 CODIS core STR loci, using commercially available PCR kits accepted by NDIS. The recipient shall also ensure that all profiles obtained from DNA database samples with funding from this award are entered into CODIS within 90 days of completion of analysis, and uploaded into NDIS.

The recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly upon any change in the accreditation status of any of the forensic science laboratories that receive funding under this award, or their participation in NDIS.

16. No research; nonsupplanting of State or local government funds

The recipient shall ensure that none of the funds provided under this award are used for research or statistical projects or activities as defined by 28 CFR Part 22 or for research as defined by 28 CFR Part 46. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the NIJ Program Manager for the award.

The recipient shall ensure that Federal funds made available through this award will not supplant State or local government funds, but instead will be used to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be available from State or local government sources for activities funded through this award.

The recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly if the recipient receives new State or local government funding for any of the purposes included in the approved application for this award.



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17. The recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly upon any significant reduction in the recipient's estimate of the number of backlogged forensic DNA cases that will be analyzed within twenty-four months using the funds provided under this fiscal year 2014 award, above and beyond those that will be analyzed using funds from other sources.

If applicable, the recipient agrees to notify NIJ promptly upon any significant reduction in the recipient's estimate of the number of DNA database samples that will be analyzed, or associated DNA profiles reviewed, within twenty-four months using the funds provided under this fiscal year 2014 award, above and beyond those that can be analyzed or reviewed using funds from other sources.

18. The recipient understands and agrees that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for DNA testing services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 28 C.F.R. 66.25, including as applied to the NIJ DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. The recipient further understands and agrees that both program income earned during the award period and expenditures of such program income must be reported on the quarterly and final Federal Financial Reports (SF 425) and are subject to audit.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period only may be expended only for permissible uses of funds specifically identified in the solicitation for the NIJ FY 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program. The recipient further understands and agrees that program income earned during the award period may not be used to supplant State or local government funds, but instead may be used only to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds or program income, be available from State or local government sources for the permissible uses of funds listed in the FY 2014 program solicitation.

The recipient understands and agrees that program income that is earned during the final ninety (90) days of the award period may, if appropriate, be obligated (as well as expended) for permissible uses during the ninety-day (90-day) period following the end of the award period. The recipient further understands and agrees that any program income earned during the award period that is not obligated and expended within ninety (90) days of the end of the award period must be returned to OJP.

19. The recipient understands and agrees that, throughout the award period, it must promptly notify NIJ if it either starts or stops charging fees for DNA testing services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for DNA testing services to program income. Notice must be provided in writing to the NIJ program manager for the award within ten (10) business days of implementation of the change.
20. Absent prior express written approval from NIJ, rates for any lodging charged to the award may not exceed the posted GSA rate for the location. (If the recipient opts to obtain lodging at a higher rate, the cost differential, including associated taxes, may not be charged to the award.)
21. The recipient shall submit semiannual progress reports. Progress reports shall be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are June 30 and December 31, for the life of the award. These reports will be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs, on-line through the Internet at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.
22. The recipient agrees that it will submit quarterly financial status reports to OJP on-line (at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>) using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form (available for viewing at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/standard_forms/ff_report.pdf), not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report shall be submitted not later than 90 days following the end of the award period.



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23. The recipient agrees to submit a final report at the end of this award documenting all relevant project activities during the entire period of support under this award. This report will include detailed information about the project(s) funded, including, but not limited to, information about how the funds were actually used for each purpose area, data to support statements of progress, and data concerning individual results and outcomes of funded projects reflecting project successes and impacts. The final report is due no later than 90 days following the close of this award period or the expiration of any extension periods. This report will be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs, on-line through the Internet at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.
24. Semiannual performance measure data reporting - Forensic DNA casework and capacity enhancement
The recipient agrees to submit applicable performance measure data regarding forensic DNA casework and capacity enhancement with its semiannual progress reports. With respect to such data, the reports should contain: (1) information regarding baseline performance metrics (for capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of days between the submission of a request for forensic biology/DNA analysis to the laboratory and the delivery of the test results to the requesting agency at the beginning of the award period, and the average number of forensic DNA samples analyzed per analyst/month at the beginning of the award period; for forensic casework DNA backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged forensic biology/DNA cases at the beginning of the award period); (2) progress performance metrics (for capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of days between the submission of a request for forensic biology/DNA analysis to the laboratory and the delivery of the test results to the requesting agency at the end of the reporting period, and the average number of forensic DNA samples analyzed per analyst/month at the end of the reporting period; for forensic casework DNA backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged forensic biology/DNA cases at the end of the reporting period, the number of forensic biology/DNA cases analyzed during the reporting period using funds provided under this award, and the number of DNA profiles from forensic analyses entered into CODIS during the reporting period as a result of the funds provided under this award); and (3) impact performance metrics (for forensic casework DNA backlog reduction projects -- the number of CODIS hits during the reporting period attributable to the forensic analyses funded under this award).

For the purposes of performance measure data reporting, a backlogged forensic biology/DNA case is defined as a forensic biology/DNA case that has not been completed within 30 days of receipt in the laboratory.

The recipient shall ensure that all required performance measure data are collected throughout the award period.



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25. Semiannual Performance Measure Data Reporting - DNA database sample analysis and capacity enhancement
If the recipient uses award funds for DNA database sample analysis or capacity enhancement, the recipient agrees to submit applicable performance measure data with its semiannual progress reports. With respect to such data, the reports should contain: (1) information regarding baseline performance metrics (for DNA database laboratory capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of DNA database samples analyzed per analyst/month at the beginning of the award period; the average number of days between the submission of a DNA database sample to the laboratory and the upload of the DNA profile to CODIS at the beginning of the award period; for DNA database backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged DNA database samples at the beginning of the award period); (2) progress performance metrics (for capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of DNA database samples analyzed per analyst/month at the end of the reporting period, the average number of days between the submission of a DNA database sample to the laboratory and the upload of the profile to CODIS at the end of the reporting period; for DNA database backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged DNA database samples at the end of the reporting period, the number of DNA database samples analyzed during the reporting period using funds from this award, and the number of DNA profiles from DNA database samples entered into CODIS during the reporting period as a result of the funds provided under this award); and (3) impact performance metrics (for DNA database backlog reduction projects - the number of CODIS hits during the reporting period resulting from DNA database profiles developed using funds provided under this award).

For the purposes of performance measure data reporting, a backlogged DNA database sample is defined as a DNA database sample that has not been completed within 30 days of receipt in the laboratory.

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26. Final performance measure data reporting

The recipient agrees to submit applicable performance measure data with its final report. With respect to data concerning forensic DNA activities, the final report should contain: (1) for forensic DNA capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of days between the submission of a request for forensic biology/DNA analysis to the laboratory and the delivery of the test results to the requesting agency at the end of the project period, and the average number of forensic DNA samples analyzed per analyst/month at the end of the project period; and (2) for forensic casework DNA backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged forensic biology/DNA cases at the end of the project period, the cumulative number of forensic biology/DNA cases analyzed using funds provided under this award, the cumulative number of DNA profiles from forensic analyses entered into CODIS as a result of the funds provided under this award, and the cumulative number of CODIS hits attributable to forensic DNA analyses funded under this award).

For the purposes of performance measure data reporting, a backlogged forensic biology/DNA case is defined as a forensic biology/DNA case that has not been completed within 30 days of receipt in the laboratory.

If the recipient uses award funds for DNA database sample analysis or capacity enhancement, the recipient also agrees to submit applicable performance measure data with its final report. With respect to such data, the final report should contain: (1) for DNA database laboratory capacity enhancement projects -- the average number of DNA database samples analyzed per analyst/month at the end of the project period; the average number of days between the submission of a DNA database sample to the laboratory and the upload of the profile to CODIS at the end of the project period, and (2) for DNA database backlog reduction projects -- the number of backlogged DNA database samples at the end of the project period, the cumulative number of DNA database samples analyzed using funds provided under this award, the cumulative number of profiles from DNA database samples entered into CODIS as the result of funds provided under this award, and the cumulative number of CODIS hits resulting from DNA database profiles developed using funds provided under this award.

For the purposes of performance measure data reporting, a backlogged DNA database sample is defined as a DNA database sample that has not been completed within 30 days of receipt in the laboratory.

The recipient shall ensure that all required performance measure data are collected throughout the award period.

27. The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.
28. To assist in information sharing, the award recipient shall provide the NIJ program manager with a copy of publications (including those prepared for conferences and other presentations) resulting from this award, prior to or simultaneous with their public release. NIJ defines publications as any written, visual or sound material substantively based on the project, formally prepared by the award recipient for dissemination to the public. Submission of publications prior to or simultaneous with their public release aids NIJ in responding to any inquiries that may arise. Any publications - excluding press releases and newsletters - whether published at the recipient's or government's expense, shall contain the following statement: "This project was supported by Award No. _____, awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the Department of Justice." This statement shall appear on the first page of written publications. For audio and video publications, it shall be included immediately after the title of the publication in the audio or video file.
29. The recipient shall transmit to the NIJ program manager copies of all official award-related press releases at least ten (10) working days prior to public release. Advance notice permits time for coordination of release of information by NIJ where appropriate and to respond to press or public inquiries.



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30. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Part 18, OJP may suspend or terminate funding under this award before the completion of the project funded by this award, for the recipient's failure to comply with these special conditions or with the project's goals, plans and methodology set forth in the approved application. In the case of suspension, the recipient will be unable to draw down funds until OJP determines that the recipient is in compliance.
31. The recipient acknowledges that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use (in whole or in part, including in connection with derivative works), for Federal purposes: (1) any work subject to copyright developed under an award or subaward; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a recipient or subrecipient purchases ownership with Federal support.
- The recipient acknowledges that OJP has the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data first produced under an award or subaward; and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes. "Data" includes data as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.227-14 (Rights in Data - General).
- It is the responsibility of the recipient (and of each subrecipient, if applicable) to ensure that this condition is included in any subaward under this award.
- The recipient has the responsibility to obtain from subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors (if any) all rights and data necessary to fulfill the recipient's obligations to the Government under this award. If a proposed subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the recipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the OJP program manager for the award and not proceed with the agreement in question without further authorization from the OJP program office.
32. The Project Director and key program personnel designated in the application shall be replaced only for compelling reasons. Successors to key personnel must be approved, and such approval is contingent upon submission of appropriate information, including, but not limited to, a resume. OJP will not unreasonably withhold approval. Changes in other program personnel require only notification to OJP and submission of resumes, unless otherwise designated in the award document.
33. The recipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The activities the recipient has proposed to conduct under this award fall within the scope of an NIJ Programmatic EA that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These activities have been determined not to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform NIJ of-- (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. The recipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until NIJ, with the assistance of the recipient, has determined whether the proposed change or new activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under an NIJ-conducted environmental impact review process.



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34. The recipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The recipient agrees and understands that funded activities (whether conducted by the recipient or subrecipients or contractors) may require the preparation of an EA as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), found at 40 CFR Part 1500. An EA is a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient analysis for determining whether to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact for the proposed activity. If in completing an EA for a proposed activity, potential adverse environmental impacts are identified, the EA will serve as a vehicle for developing either alternative approaches or mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing the identified adverse environmental impacts.

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35. The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards of \$25,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients of award funds. Such data will be submitted to the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/ffata.htm> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here. This condition, and its reporting requirement, does not apply to grant awards made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

36. With respect to this award, federal funds may not be used to pay cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the award recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (An award recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds.)

This limitation on compensation rates allowable under this award may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the OJP official indicated in the program announcement under which this award is made.

37. The recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down any funds under this award until a revised budget reflecting the final award amount has been received and approved by the National Institute of Justice, and a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) has been issued removing this condition.
38. The recipient may not obligate, expend, or draw down any funds until the program office has verified that the recipient has submitted all necessary documentation required to comply with the Department of Justice Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act found at 28 CFR Part 61 (including Appendix D), and a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) has been issued removing this condition.



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Memorandum To: Official Grant File

From: Alan Spanbauer, Program Manager

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Washoe County Sheriff's Department

The recipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The activities the recipient has proposed to conduct under this award fall within the scope of an NIJ Programmatic EA that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These activities have been determined not to have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the recipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform NIJ of-- (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. The recipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until NIJ, with the assistance of the recipient, has determined whether the proposed change or new activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under an NIJ-conducted environmental impact review process.



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This project is supported under FY14(NIJ - S&LLEA DNA/Other Forensics) Pub. L. No. 113-76, 128 Stat. 5, 62-63; 28 USC 530C

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3a. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM

NIJ FY 14 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

**3b. POMS CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS
ON REVERSE)**

4. TITLE OF PROJECT

Washoe County Sheriff's Department DNA Backlog Reduction

5. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE

Washoe County Sheriff's Department
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6. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBGRANTEE

7. PROGRAM PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2014 TO: 09/30/2016

8. BUDGET PERIOD

FROM: 10/01/2014 TO: 09/30/2016

9. AMOUNT OF AWARD

\$ 325,430

10. DATE OF AWARD

09/18/2014

11. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET

12. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

13. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD

14. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT

15. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (See instruction on reverse)

The objective of this program is to assist eligible States and units of local government to reduce forensic DNA sample turnaround time, increase the throughput of public DNA laboratories, and reduce DNA backlogs. These improvements are critical to preventing future DNA backlogs and to helping the criminal justice system use the full potential of DNA technology. Eligible States and units of local government may request funds to increase the capacity of their existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis in order to analyze DNA samples more efficiently and cost effectively. Eligible applicants also may request funds to handle, screen, and analyze backlogged forensic DNA casework samples. State-designated DNA Database laboratories may also use supplemental funding available under this solicitation to build the capacity of their laboratory to process more database samples or to reduce the number of backlogged database samples. nca/ncf